





July 23, 2003

## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Masaki SHIMOMURA, Kazuhisa KAWAKAMI, Tsuyosi NAKAYAMA, Masafumi FURUYAMA and Toru FUKUSHIMA

RECORDING APPARATUS

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref: O76695



This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/230,374 (Confirmation No. 1536) filed August 29, 2002 of Masaki SHIMOMURA, Kazuhisa KAWAKAMÍ, Tsuyosi NAKAYAMA, Masafumi FURUYAMA, Toru FUKUSHIMA entitled RECORDING APPARATUS.

. Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty-one (21) sheets of drawings, Preliminary Amendment.

The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

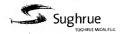
Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 10/230,374 filed August 29, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 -	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent claims	4 -	3	=	1 x	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
Base Fee						9	750.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee						9	280.00
TOTAL FEE						\$1	114.00





Priority is claimed from:

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Application No

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The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/230,374.

Respectfully submitted,

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